

Claims Listing

1. (currently amended) A process for increasing the molecular weight and/or for the modification of polyethylene terephthalate~~a polycondensate~~, which process comprises adding to polyethylene terephthalate~~the polycondensate~~

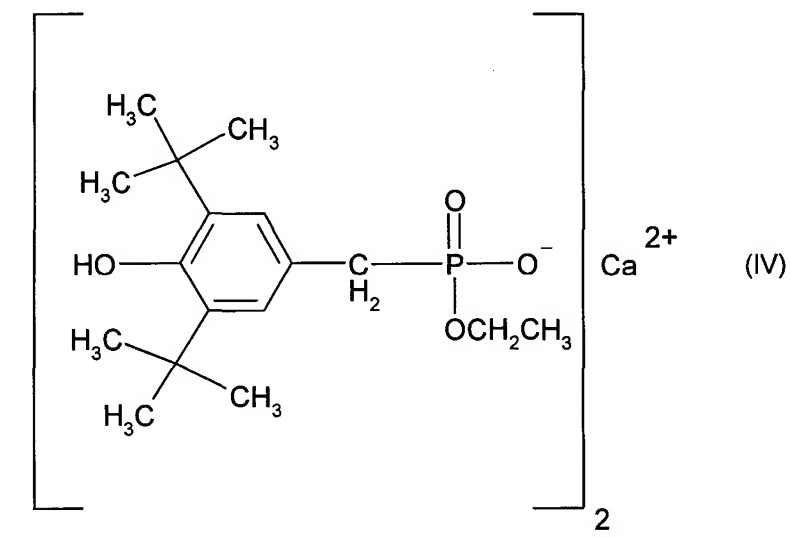
a) ~~at least one~~ a bis-acyllactam and

b1) ~~at least one~~ a phosphonate

and

processing the mixture in the melt,

where the phosphonate is of formula (IV)



and where the bis-acyllactam is dodeca hydro-1,1'-carbonyl-bis-azepin-2-one.

2-13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the bis-acyllactam is used in an amount of 0.01 to 5 % by weight based on the weight of polyethylene terephthalate~~the polycondensate~~.

15. (currently amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the ~~at least one~~ phosphonate is used in an amount of 0.01 to 5 % by weight based on the weight of polyethylene terephthalate ~~the~~ polycondensate.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of the ~~at least one~~ bis-acyllactam to b1) the ~~at least one~~ phosphonate is from 1:10 to 5:1.

18. (original) A process according to claim 1 wherein the maximum mass-temperature of the melt is from 170° to 320° C.

19. (original) A process according to claim 1 wherein an oxazoline compound is additionally present.

20-22. (canceled)